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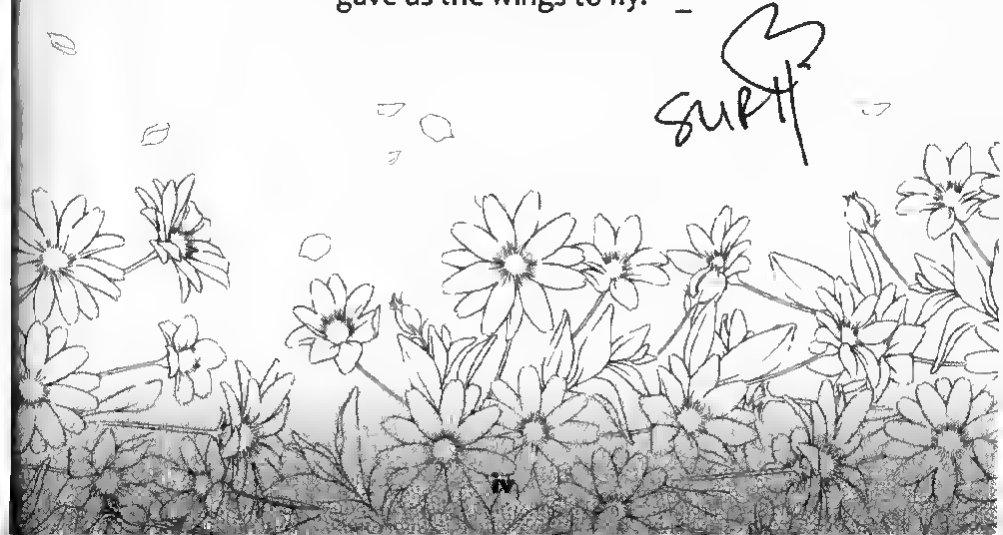


Honorifics Explained

Throughout the Del Rey Manga books, you will find Japanese honorifics left intact in the translations. For those not familiar with how the Japanese use honorifics and, more important, how they differ from American honorifics, we present this brief overview.

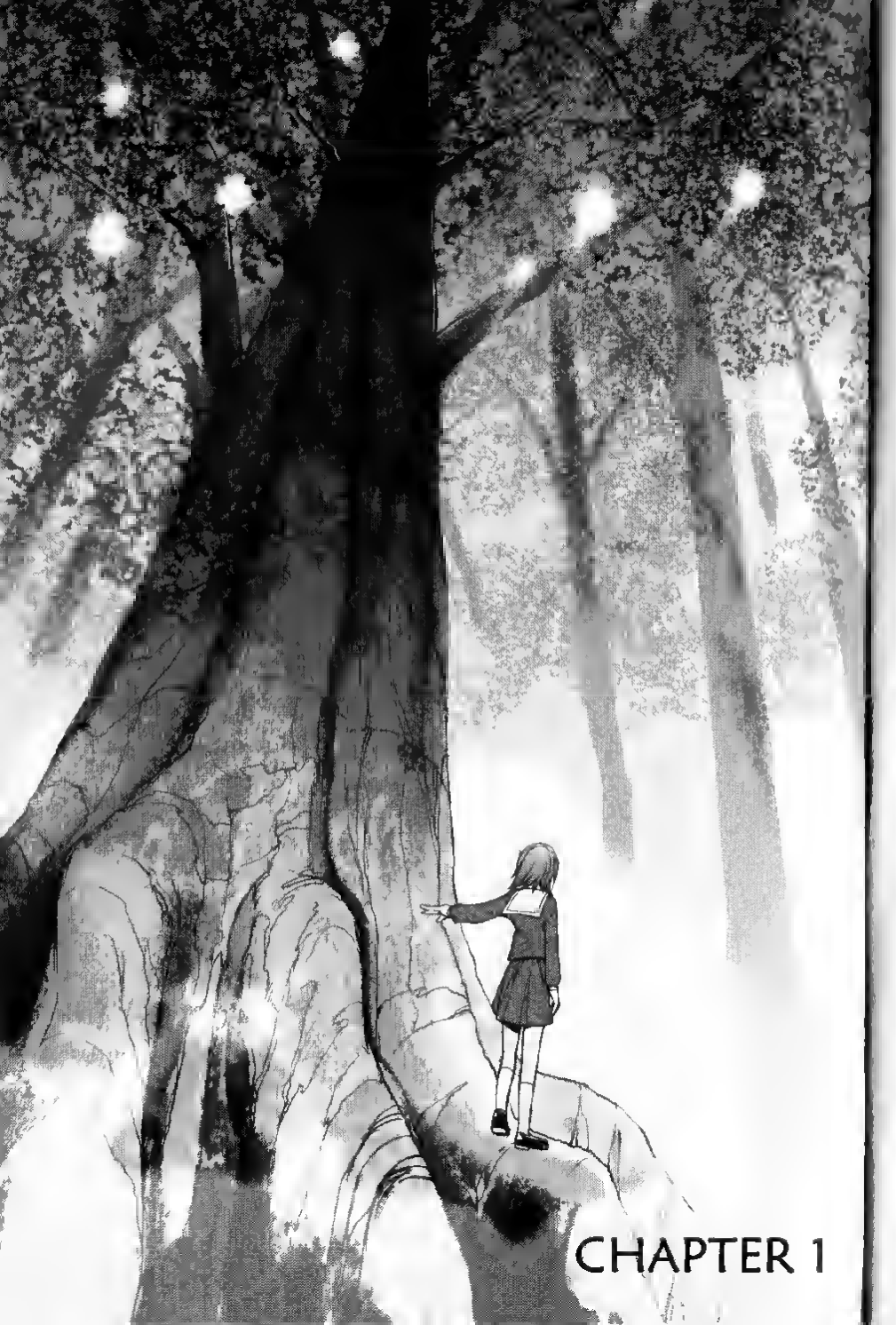
Politeness has always been a critical facet of Japanese culture. Ever since the feudal era, when Japan was a highly stratified society, use of honorifics—which can be defined as polite speech that indicates relationship or status—has played an essential role in the Japanese language. When you address someone in Japanese, an honorific usually takes the form of a suffix attached to one's name (example: "Asuna-san"), is used as a title at the end of one's name, or appears in place of the name itself (example: "Negi-sensei," or simply "Sensei!").

Honorifics can be expressions of respect or endearment. In the context of manga and anime, honorifics give insight into the nature of the relationship between characters. Many English translations leave out these important honorifics and therefore distort the feel of the original Japanese. Because Japanese honorifics contain nuances that English honorifics lack, it is our policy at Del Rey not to translate them. Here, instead, is a guide to some of the honorifics you may encounter in Del Rey Manga.

-san: This is the most common honorific and is equivalent to Mr., Miss, Ms., or Mrs. It is the all-purpose honorific and can be used in any situation where politeness is required.

-sama: This is one level higher than "-san" and is used to confer great respect.

-dono: This comes from the word "tono," which means "lord." It is an even higher level than "-sama" and confers utmost respect.



-kun: This suffix is used at the end of boys' names to express familiarity or endearment. It is also sometimes used by men among friends, or when addressing someone younger or of a lower station.

-chan: This is used to express endearment, mostly toward girls. It is also used for little boys, pets, and even among lovers. It gives a sense of childish cuteness.

Bozu: This is an informal way to refer to a boy, similar to the English terms "kid" and "squirt."

Sempai/Senpai: This title suggests that the addressee is one's senior in a group or organization. It is most often used in a school setting, where underclassmen refer to their upperclassmen as "sempai." It can also be used in the workplace, such as when a newer employee addresses an employee who has seniority in the company.

Kohai: This is the opposite of "sempai" and is used toward underclassmen in school or newcomers in the workplace. It connotes that the addressee is of a lower station.

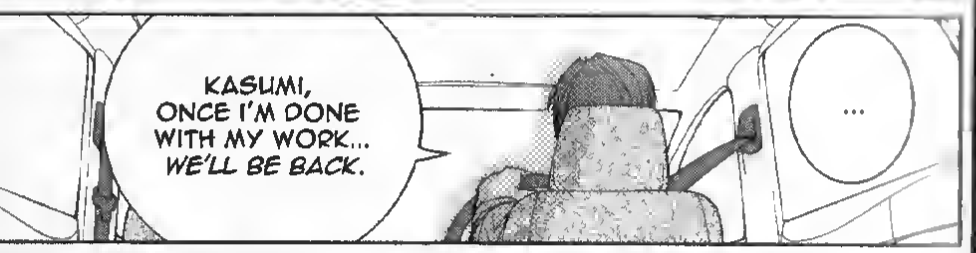
Sensei: Literally meaning "one who has come before," this title is used for teachers, doctors, or masters of any profession or art.

-[blank]: This is usually forgotten in these lists, but it is perhaps the most significant difference between Japanese and English. The lack of honorific, known as *yobisute*, means that the speaker has permission to address the person in a very intimate way. Usually, only family, spouses, or very close friends have this kind of permission. It can be gratifying when someone who has earned the intimacy starts to call one by one's name without an honorific. But when that intimacy hasn't been earned, it can be very insulting.

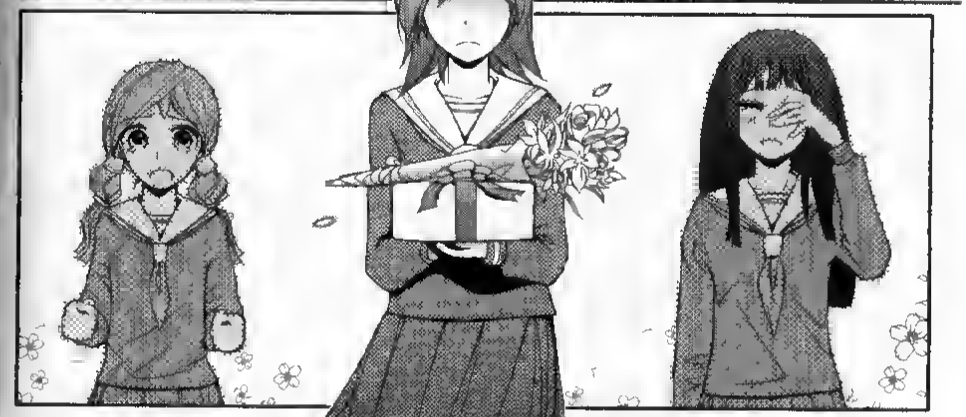
vrrr

DAD, WILL I SEE MEI AND SANA-CHAN AGAIN?

I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE...


KASUMI, ONCE I'M DONE WITH MY WORK... WE'LL BE BACK.
...

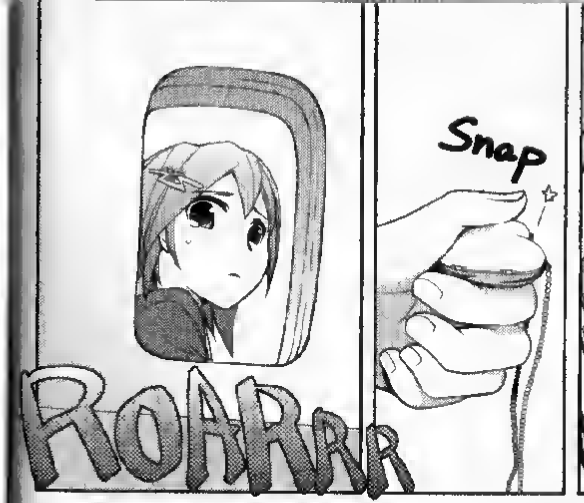
YES, DEAR... I PROMISE.
PRO..
PROMISE ME THAT WE'LL RETURN THIS TIME.


MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM THAT I WANTED TO STAY.
DO WE REALLY HAVE TO GO?

VRRR
OOOM

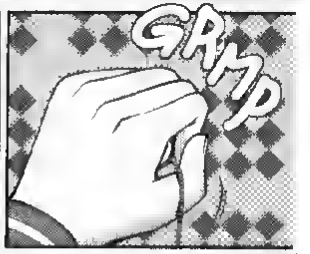
VROOOM

OH...


ROARRRR
Snap

IN TIMES LIKE THIS...

EVEN MY MAGIC TRICKS WON'T GET MY MIND OFF THINGS.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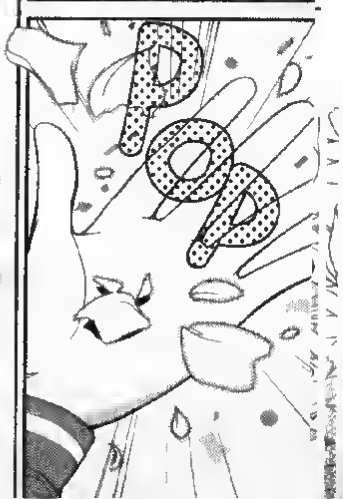

POP

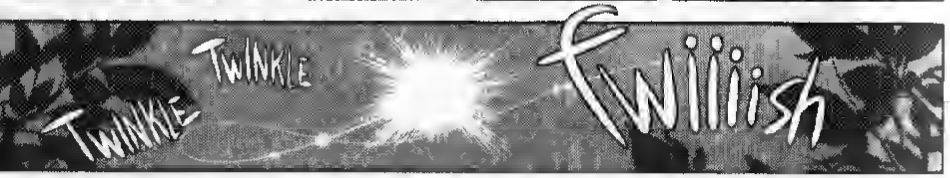
I THINK HE IS TRYING TO KEEP DESPAIR FROM CREEPING BACK INTO HIM.
OKAY, DAD!
SO, I SHOULDN'T BE SELFISH.
I'M GONNA DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO SUPPORT HIM.
WOWW!
THAT IS WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME.

MY MOTHER DIED OF A FATAL ILLNESS WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
OH! KASUMI!
CAN WE STOP HERE FOR A WHILE?
I'VE SOME SPECIMENS THAT I WANT TO COLLECT.
IT WON'T TAKE LONG. I KNOW YOU'RE TIRED.
SOMETIMES, I FIND DAD TALKING TO MOM'S PICTURE WITH A WORN FACE.
Hmm...Where did I put it...?
BY MOVING FROM PLACE TO PLACE, BURYING HIMSELF IN HIS PLANT STUDIES...

Twiiiiiish
TWINKLE
TWINKLE
!
?
Twiiiiiish
TWINKLE
HUH?!
WHAT'S THAT?
HEY, DAD! DID YOU SEE THAT LIGHT?
IT JUST ZIPPED BY...

KASUMI! THIS FOREST IS AMAZING!
IT'S A GOLD MINE!!
Wow!
ERMM..
Ahh
Ohh! Ohh! Look over here!
TWINKLE

IS THAT A FIREFLY?
HMM...CAN'T BE...IT'S TOO COLD NOW FOR FIREFLIES...
fwiiish
Oh!


TWINKLE
TWINKLE
fwiiish

DASH
Poof
fwiiiiiish
I WONDER WHAT IT IS...
Creep

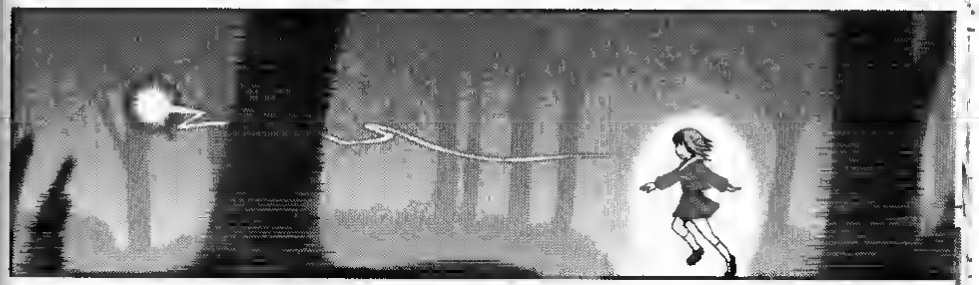
THERE HE GOES AGAIN! ALWAYS RUNNING OFF ON HIS OWN!
GEEZ..
glance
glance
-POOF!-
Huh?

HMMPH! WHY DO I ALWAYS HAVE TO LOOK FOR HIM?

WAFFFFFFZ
?
HMM... I WONDER WHAT THAT IS...

THIS TREE IS... HUUUGE!!
WHOAA...
FLASH
BAAAAA

I'LL KNOW WHAT IT IS...
ONCE I CATCH IT!



Ouww...

AHHHH!
TUMBLE TUMBLE

Ah!
TRIP!

THIS IS COOL! MAYBE I CAN USE IT FOR A MAGIC TRICK!
WAIT... COULD IT BE AN ALIEN?!

fwoosh
fwoosh
fwoosh
fwoosh
WOW! THIS TREE IS SO TALL!
Creak
IT CAN BE MY PET I CAN TEACH IT TRICKS! IT'LL BE MY ASSISTANT!
GRIP

THIS... CAN'T BE A FIREFLY.
WHAT IS THIS LIGHT?
IS IT A UFO?

GRIP
OKAY! READY!
IT KNOWS THAT I'M FOLLOWING IT.
A LITTLE CLOSER... ALMOST...
GRASP!
KRAKL

FWOOSH
WAFFF
I THINK IT'S CHECKING ME OUT!
AHH... I HAVE TO CATCH IT!

!!
THE BRANCH!!
POP
HEELP!!
Ouuuu!
MY HAND!

OH, NO!! DID I KILL IT?
I TRIED TO BE GENTLE..
POP
Silence
YES! GOTCHA!
EEWW... IT'S COLD!
AND IT'S WRIGGLING!
HUH? THIS LOOKS LIKE WATER...
THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT. I CAUGHT IT!
IT WAS IN MY HAND... I FELT IT...
WHERE DID IT GO?
Creak
Creak

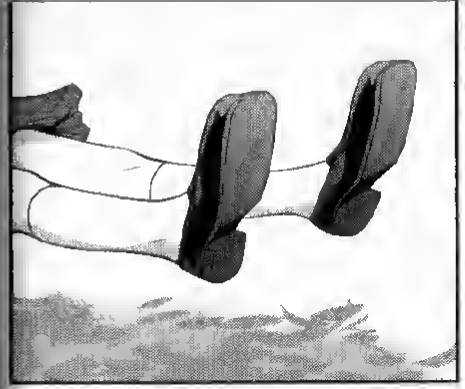
NOO...
BLAAANE
I DON'T WANNA DIE!!
DAD?
DAD!!
WHY?!
THIS CAN'T BE HAP-PEN-ING!
HE'S CRYING...
SOMEBODY...
PLEASE! SAVE ME!!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!!
CAN'T HOLD...
SLIP
HELP! I CAN'T HOLD ON...
GRRPPP
NOO!!
SLIP
HEEEELLPPP!!

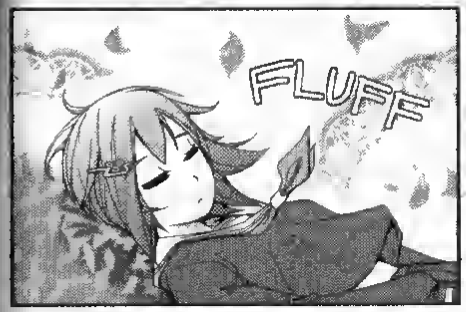
FWOOOOOSH
swiiiish
NO!!
SPARK
POP POP POP POP POP POP

WAFF
FFFFFF
WAFFF
WOOSH

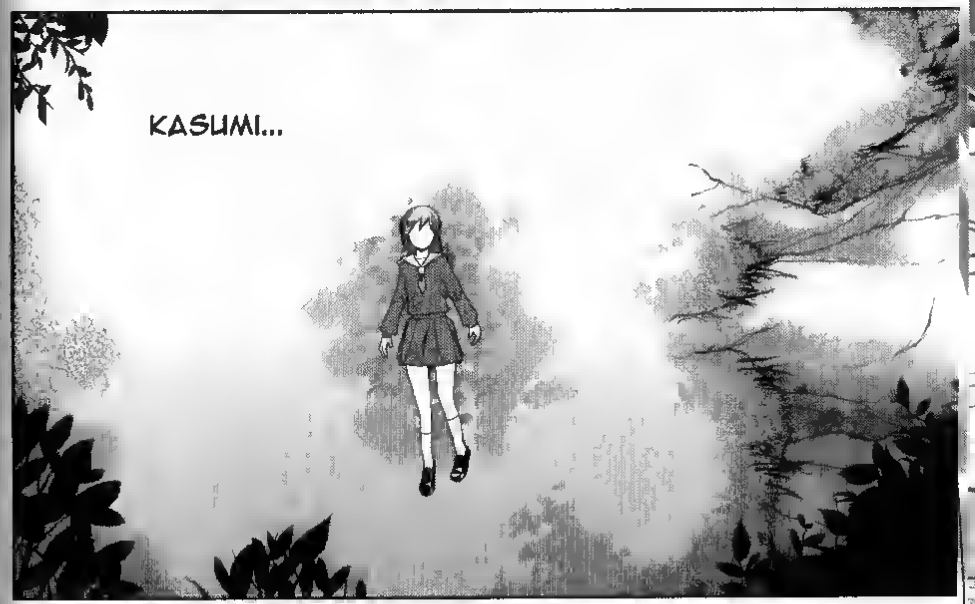
blink
KASUMI! WAKE UP!
KASUMI?
Dad?

Where am I?
JUMP!
HUH?!
SILLY GIRL! ARE YOU OKAY?
I FOUND YOU UNCONSCIOUS IN THE FOREST YESTERDAY. I WAS WORRIED!




FLUFF

WAFFFFF


KASUMI...

KASUMI...

LOOK AT THE TIME! HURRY UP! DON'T BE LATE!
AND I'M DEFINITELY NOT A PIG!
Bleh!

Peeeeep
SSSHH
SSSHH
AH!

ARE YOU WELL ENOUGH TO GO? OR DO YOU WANT TO SEE A DOCTOR?
TODAY'S THE BIG DAY. IT'S YOUR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.
SCHOOL...

I DON'T WANT HIM TO WORRY.
YES, DAD! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE MY NEW SCHOOL!

I THOUGHT I'D LOST YOU... LIKE I LOST YOUR MOM... I PANICKED AND TRIED TO FIND THE NEAREST HOSPITAL..

DON'T WORRY, DAD. I'M FINE.

HAHAHA
I DON'T SNORE!!
AND THEN YOU STARTED TO SNORE JUST LIKE A PIG!
SO I GUESS YOU WERE OKAY
BLUSH

SURPRISE THEM WITH YOUR MAGIC! I PACKED IN A FEW OF MY FAVORITES.
DON'T FORGET YOUR BACKPACK AND YOUR MAGIC ITEMS!
OKAY, DAD.
YES, YES! GO FOR IT, TIGER!
pat
THANKS, DAD. I'LL SHOW THEM THE HANDKER-CHIEF TRICK.
DID I CUT MY HAND?
MY HAND HURTS...
!
OUCH!!
OKAY, I'LL SEE YOU AT HOME.
GRIP

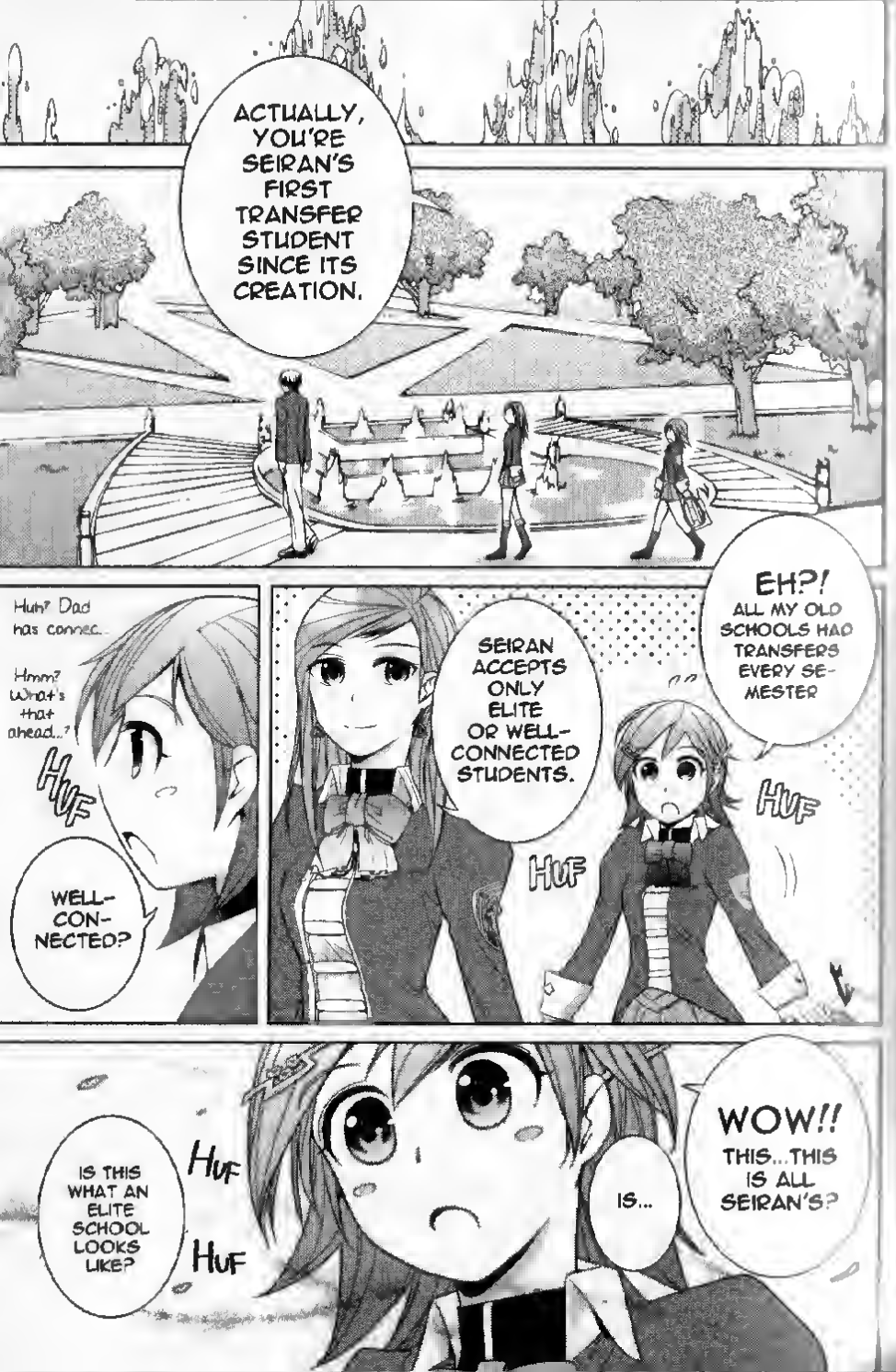
SEIRAN IS THE BEST SCHOOL AROUND. I'M SURE YOU'LL MAKE GOOD FRIENDS HERE.
IS THIS MY HIGH SCHOOL? IT LOOKS LIKE A COLLEGE CAMPUS.
KASUMI, DON'T WORRY. EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.

WAS IT A DREAM?
DAD SAID HE FOUND ME UNCONSCIOUS..
I CAN'T REMEMBER.. MY HEAD HURTS
DIDN'T I CUT MYSELF ON THE BRANCH?
WAIT, DID I FALL OFF THAT TREE...?
?
ARE YOU KASUMI MORIOKA?
WE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.

CHAPTER 2

YOU MADE US WAIT.
...
YES?
ARE YOU KASUMI MORIOKA?
HOW'D YOU KNOW MY NAME?
WELCOME TO SEIRAN HIGH. I'M REINA TAKEMOTO, STUDENT BODY VP.
SORRY!
I'M SORRY! I DION'T KNOW ANYONE WAS WAITING FOR ME!
AH...I SEE. IT'S REALLY NICE OF YOU TO MEET ME AT THE GATE! THANKS!
AND THIS IS RYUUKI HASEGAWA, SEIRAN'S STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.

I WONDER WHO THEY'RE WAITING FOR... I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL COUPLE...
WASN'T SHE "NANAKO" IN LAST NIGHT'S DRAMA?
WAIT A SEC! THE GIRL LOOKS FAMILIAR!
AH!!
I NEED TO GET AN AUTO-GRAPH!
SLENDER
"GASP!" DON'T TELL ME THEY'RE CELEB-RITIES!!



fwish
...
Eh?!
I'M KASUMI MORIOKA, AND I'M SIXTEEN! IT'S GREAT TO MEET BOTH OF YOU!
fwip
LET'S GO, MORIOKA-SAN. WE'LL BRING YOU TO YOUR NEW CLASS.
IS IT A TRADITION FOR YOU GUYS TO MEET NEW STUDENTS?
tap tap tap
H...HAI!*
She's nice...

*Hai - means "Yes."

AH!
A KEY? WHAT'S IT FOR?
TWIP
COOL! THANKS!
IT'S FOR YOUR LOCKER— #397.
DON'T LOSE IT.

WHOA! THIS COURTYARD IS AS BIG AS YASU'S DOWNTOWN AREA!
AMAZING!
SEIRAN...
THESE BUILDINGS CAN'T BE OUR CLASS-ROOMS.. THEY'RE SO GRAND!
IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE. I HOPE I'LL FIT IN HERE.
I'm getting kinda nervous.

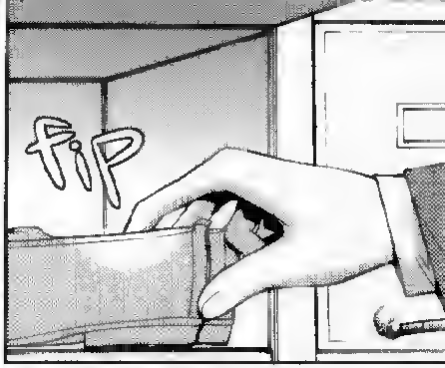
fwip
WE'RE HERE.
SORRY!!
Owww
BUMP!

Oh!
FLIP
THIS IS THE SEIRAN RULE BOOK. IT ALSO HAS INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL'S FACILITIES.

Hmph

ONE MORE THING... I DON'T WANT TO HEAR REPORTS OF YOU CAUSING TROUBLE IN SEIRAN.
chatter
chatter
Creeak

Ahhhh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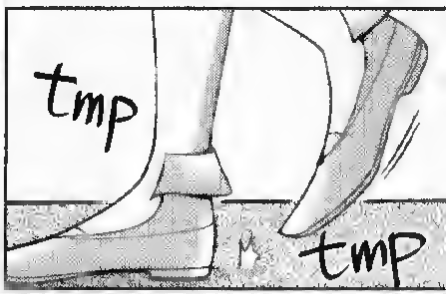
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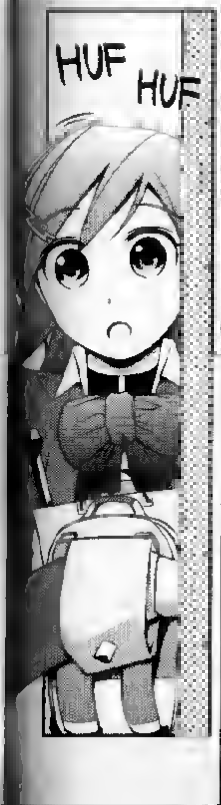
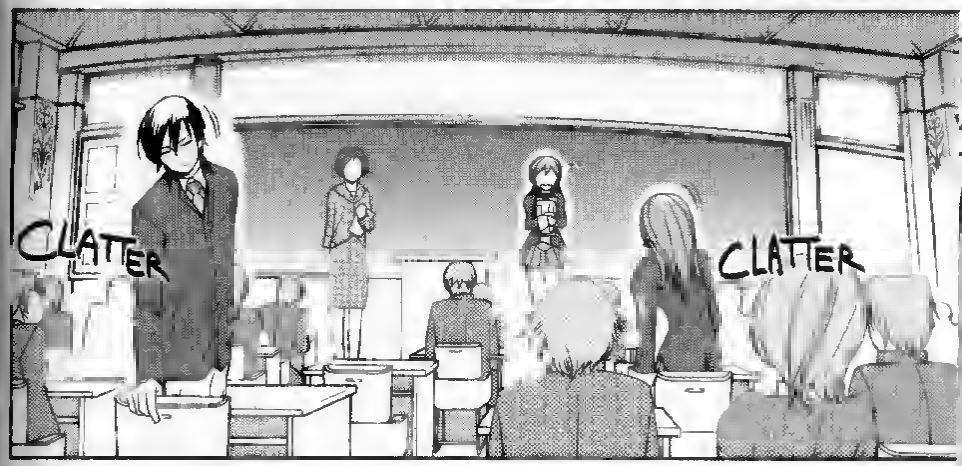

HUF HUF

COULD THEY BE MY CLASS-MATES?

Wait for me!

Umm
Umm
I...I'M SIXTEEN YEARS OLD AND.. AND...
I'M AN ASPIRING MAGICIAN!
!
RUSTLE
CHECK THIS OUT!
flutter
flutter

PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO EVERY-ONE.
WELCOME TO CLASS 1A, MORIOKA-SAN.
HE'S SO RUDE...
SO WHAT IF HE LOOKS COOL. .WHAT A SNOB!
...
WHAT MAKES HIM THINK I'LL BE A TROUBLE-MAKER?!


CLATTER
CLATTER

SILENCE
ERMM...
HHHH...
M...MY NAME IS KA...KA... SUMI MORIOKA.
Shuffle

JUST MY BAD LUCK! SITTING IN FRONT OF IRONFACE!
AND WHY IS EVERYONE MAKING SUCH A FUSS?
LOOK! REINA-SAN IS FURIOUS!
RAGE
MINA-SAN HAD TO BRIBE JIRO-SAN AND BE HIS SLAVE FOR A WEEK TO GET THAT SEAT!
IF I HAD KNOWN, I WOULD'VE ASKED SENSEI TO SWITCH MY SEAT, TOO!
WHY DID SENSEI GIVE THAT SEAT TO HER? STUPID COMMONER.
THAT... THAT MAGIC TRICK WAS SOO AWESOME!!
AGH!
SIGH
SWING
SWING
YOU HAVE TO SHOW ME HOW YOU DID THAT TRICK!
OUUCH! MY HANDS!
AH! Close!

MAGIC...? THAT'S SOOO LAME...
POP!
TA-DA-A!
MEH...SHE'S NOT EVEN CUTE! I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR REINA-SAMA!
SHE'S JUST TRYING TO GET ATTENTION FROM THE GUYS.
HOW DUMB! STUPID COMMONER TRICKS...
THAT'S MINA-SAN'S SEAT!
SHE'LL BE SO MAD WHEN SHE GETS BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL...
OKAY, LET'S GET YOU SEATED.
OH, THERE'S AN EMPTY SEAT IN FRONT OF HASEGAWA-SAN.
They didn't like my magic...
...

So...sleepy
Yawn
..REMEMBER THIS FORMULA IT WILL BE COVERED IN YOUR MID-TERMS..
Scribble
Scribble
?
Is...is that a girl on the roof?
Huh?

ERRR... OKAY...
SEE THIS? THESE ARE THE ORIGINAL GLASSES WORN BY CHUCK KEN IN SUPERGUY RETURNS!
OOPS, SORRY! I'M YUUTA GOODWIN, SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, TOO, AND I'M A BIG SUPER-HERO FAN. SUPERGUY IS MY HERO!
KEN-SAN, PLEASE GO BACK TO YOUR SEAT..
HE CALLED HER KASUMI-CHAN!
OTAKU-KEN IS IN LOVE!
YOU CAN CALL ME OTAKU-KEN, TOO! BY THE WAY.. CAN I CALL YOU KASUMI-CHAN?
EVERYONE CALLS ME OTAKU-KEN BECAUSE I'M SUCH A BIG FAN.
THESE KIDS ARE ALL SO MEAN. ALL THESE RICH, SPOILED KIDS...
WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO? OTAKU-KEN? DOESN'T HE KNOW THAT THE CLASS IS LAUGHING AT HIM?

OHH...
THAT LIGHT...
I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE! THE UFO!
AHHH!
CRASH!
?
UFO?
Chatter
Chatter

EHH?!
Pop
Pop
WAFFF
RUB
RUB
W...WAIT! WHAT WAS THAT?!
Pop
Pop
fwoosh
ARE THOSE FIREFLIES? IS SHE DANCING WITH THEM?
Pop
fwoosh

Chatter
Chatter
THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY.
SIGH...
HUH?
STRETCH
AHH... FINALLY OVER!
!
IGNORE THEM...
CAREFUL, SHE MIGHT TURN INTO MAGICAL MIRACLE GIRL AND TURN YOU INTO A FROG!
A MAGIC WAND? IS SHE, LIKE, FIVE YEARS OLD?
KASUMI-CHAN? IS THIS A MAGIC WAND?
CAN YOU DO TRICKS WITH THIS?
giggle
giggle
THEY'RE JUST SNOBS.

WHAT IS SHE DOING HERE?
IT'S HER...
MORIOKA-SAN! BEHAVE YOURSELF OR IT'S DETENTION TIME!
HAI! SORRY, SIR...
giggle
giggle
giggle
DING DONG

Ehh?
C. .COULD YOU PLEASE USE YOUR MAGIC TO GIVE THIS LETTER TO RYUU-SAMA?
fidget
fidget
I...NORIKO WILL TREAT YOU TO LUNCH FOR A WHOLE MONTH.

RYUU-SAMA... BLEH! BUT! ONE MONTH OF LUNCHES! YUMMY!!
Lucky!
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT MR. IRONFACE HASEGAWA WAS SO POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS?

MORIOKA-SAN?
AHEM... EXCUSE ME?
HEY, SHOW ME ANOTHER TRICK! CAN YOU DO ANY OF THE GREAT ZOUDIN'S MAGIC TRICKS?

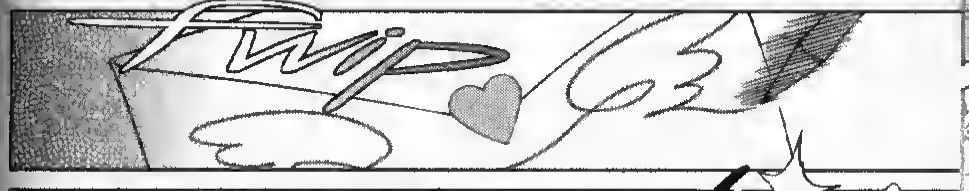
W...WE SAW HIM WAITING FOR YOU AND TALKING TO YOU THIS MORNING.
D...DO YOU KNOW HASEGAWA-SAN WELL?
HMM...? WHY?

...
!
flutter
flutter
fwooooosh

NO WAY! SHE'S GOT GUTS!
THE NEW GIRL JUST GAVE RYUU-SAMA A LOVE LETTER!
SHE DID IT RIGHT IN FRONT OF REINA-SAN AND THE RSF!

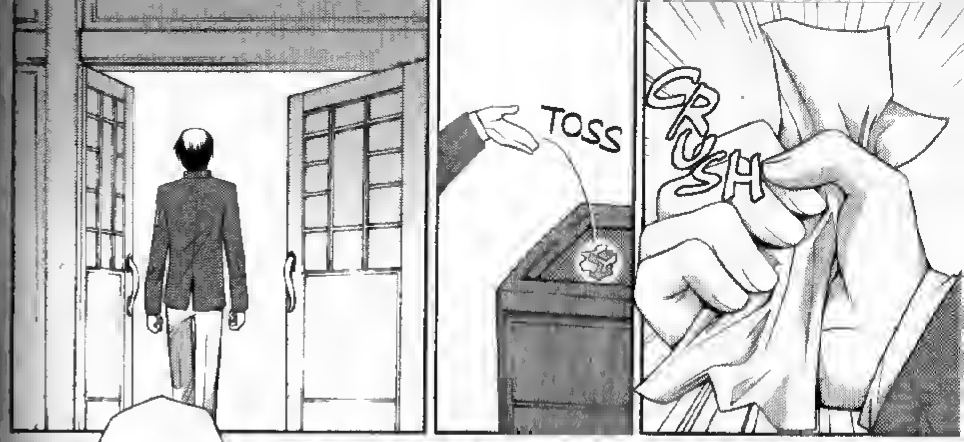
Umm...
THAT WAS AWWE-SOME, KASUMI-CHAN!

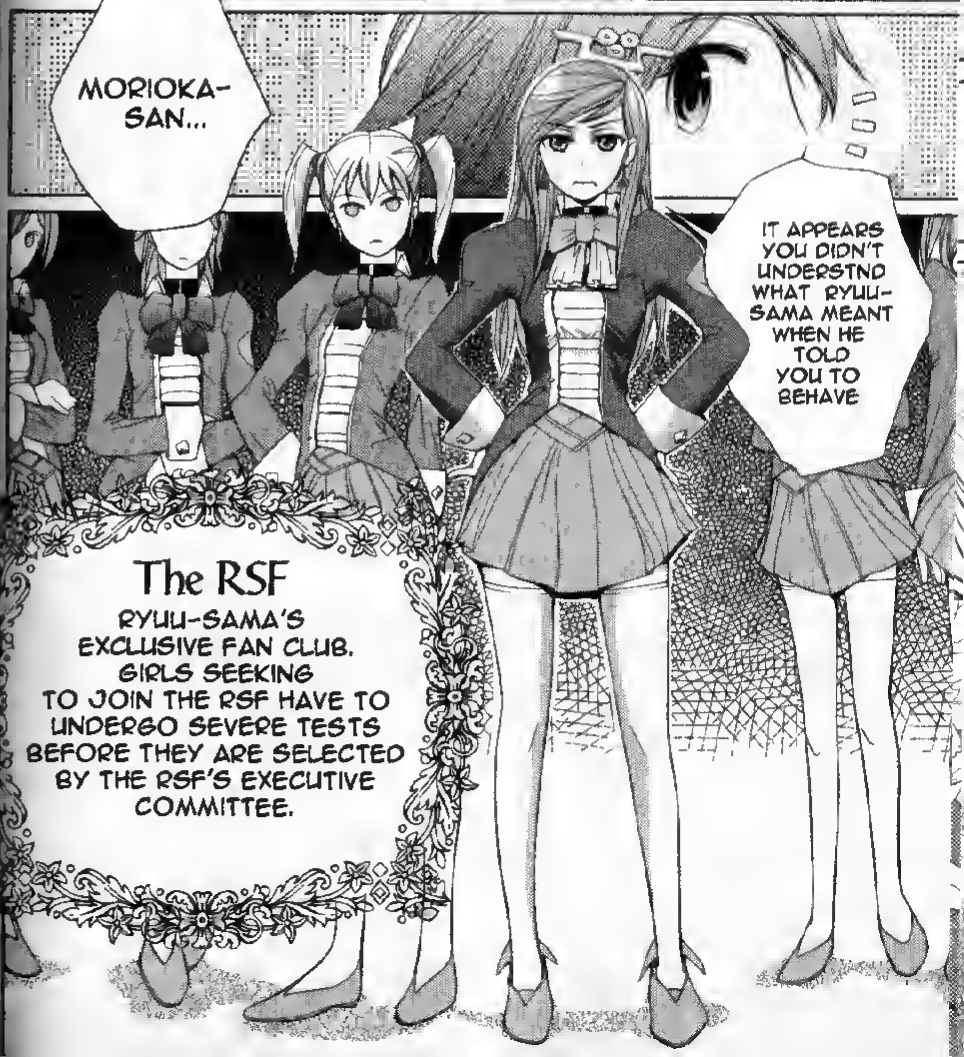
?
Scribble
Scribble
fwip
Ohh
ALRIGHTY! I'LL DO IT!


fwip

OH NO.. WAIT...
CHECK THIS OUT!
THE RSF! THEY'RE HERE... NOT NOW!
Wooosh

ORDINARY STUDENTS REQUIRE PERMISSION FROM RSF'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BEFORE GIVING GIFTS TO RYUU-SAMA.
RULE #56: NO ONE OTHER THAN THE RSF MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO GIVE RYUU-SAMA LETTERS OR GIFTS
RSF? SORRY I HAVEN'T READ THE RULE BOOK YET. WHAT'S THE RSF? WHICH PAGE IS...
Umm
flip flip
HOW DARE YOU MOCK ME!!
HUH?!
HEY!! WHY'D YOU DO THAT?! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?!
YOU'VE MADE RYUU-SAMA ANGRY, WHICH ACCORDING TO RULE #3, YOU SHOULDN'T.
Hmph!
CEASE AND DECEASE. IN OTHER WORDS, LEAVE SEIRAN AND SCRAM!
Shoo





The RSF

RYUU-SAMA'S EXCLUSIVE FAN CLUB. GIRLS SEEKING TO JOIN THE RSF HAVE TO UNDERGO SEVERE TESTS BEFORE THEY ARE SELECTED BY THE RSF'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

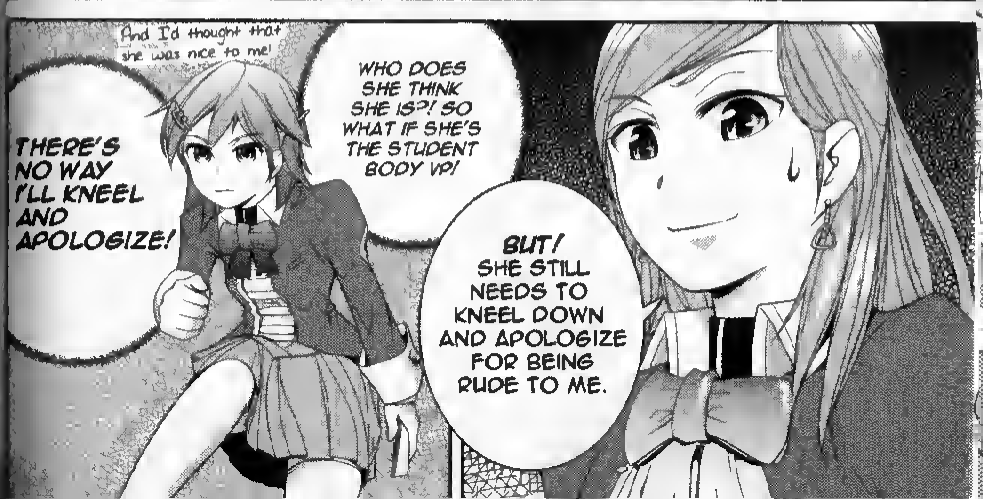
APOLOGIZE AND I'LL LET NORIKO GO.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HER...? LET HER GO! YOU'RE HURTING HER!
WAAAA
DRAG
REINA-SAMA! WE'VE FOUND HER!

WHAT?!
NEVER!
IF RYUU-SAMA IS SO UPSET, HE SHOULD BE MAN ENOUGH TO TELL ME HIMSELF!
H...HOW!
DARE YOU INSULT RYUU-SAMA!

OKAY... LET'S MAKE A BET...
This commoner must have some high profile connections to get into Seiran. I have to make her leave on her own.

CAN YOU PLEASE FORGIVE HER? SHE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE RSF...
REINA-SAMA! IT'S KASUMI-CHAN'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.
LEAVE SEIRAN?!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG! I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IN THIS STUPID BOOK!

You can't charm me with your cute looks...
I'LL GIVE HER A CHANCE...
ERRM... SINCE IT'S HER FIRST DAY AND SHE WAS FOOLED BY THOSE SCHEMING GIRLS...
AARF! AARF!
PLEASE? PLEASE? ONE MORE CHANCE?


And I'd thought that she was nice to me!
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL KNEEL AND APOLOGIZE!
WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS?! SO WHAT IF SHE'S THE STUDENT BODY VP!
BUT! SHE STILL NEEDS TO KNEEL DOWN AND APOLOGIZE FOR BEING RUDE TO ME.

WAAAA
TRAMP
TRAMP
TRAMP
panic
DON'T WORRY, NORIKO-CHAN.
Pat
SNIFF
I...I'M SORRY! MORIOKA-SAN. SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE!
WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO HIDE FROM THE RSF! MAYBE WE CAN STAY AT HOME FOR A WHILE... THE RSF MIGHT FORGET ABOUT US..
KASUMI MORIOKA...
I'M NOT AFRAID OF THEM. I'LL SHOW THEM AND HASEGAWA-SAN, MY GREATEST MAGIC TRICKS! EVEN HE WILL BE IMPRESSED!

SNIFF
THE RSF WILL LEAVE YOU ALONE. I'LL EVEN LET NORIKO OFF THE HOOK.
AND IF I FAIL?
I WANT YOU TO LEAVE SEIRAN IMMEDIATELY.
PERFORM YOUR SILLY TRICKS IN FRONT OF THE CLASS AND RYUU-SAMA TOMORROW. IF RYUU-SAMA GIVES HIS APPROVAL...
GRMP
YOU'RE ON!!
SNAP!
IF YOU EVER EVEN SET FOOT IN SEIRAN AGAIN, YOU AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS WILL BE PUNISHED... DON'T YOU DARE MESS WITH THE RSF!

JUST THE KIND OF STUDENT SEIRAN NEEDS!
TMP
THIS IS GOING TO BE A GREAT STORY!
LOOK OUT WORLD! HERE COMES SEIRAN'S NEW HERO!

CHAPTER 3

WHAT'RE ALL THESE?
ERM... YUUTA-KUN...
TA-DAAA!
THESE ARE MY SUPER-TREASURES!
THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN ON THE SET OF SUPERSLUY RETURNS!
THE MAN IN THE COSTUME IS DAVID DEVENE!
YOUR FACE IS TOO CLOSE...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED...
IT WAS THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE!
GRMP

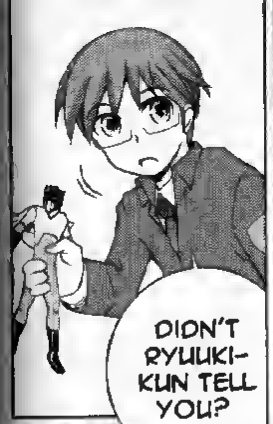
?
Ah...my precious
WHERE ARE WE?

I'LL JUST LEAVE MY MAGIC BAG HERE TODAY.
KASUMI-CHAN?
WHO'S PICKING YOU UP TODAY?
CLAK

AHH!!
BUSES? THEY HAVE SCHOOL BUSES HERE? I THOUGHT THAT WAS ONLY IN THE STATES..
OH, MY DAD'S AT WORK, SO I'M TAKING THE BUS HOME
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE BUS STOP IS?

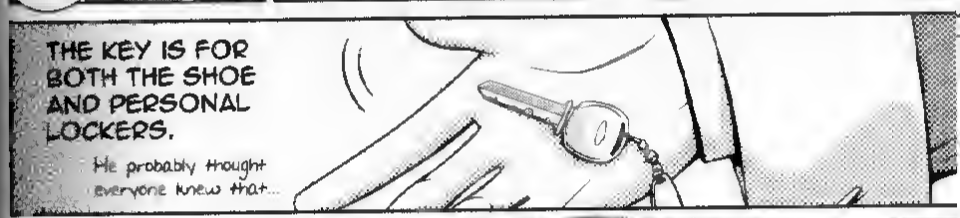
C..Cars?! Chauffeurs?!
PHEWWWWW
PLOP
OH YEAH, ALL SEIRAN STUDENTS HAVE EITHER CARS OR CHAUFFEURS.
YUUTA-SAMA, HOW WAS YOUR DAY?
HI, JAMES!

SHOCK
LEMME ASK JAMES, MY CHAUFFER!
JAMES BRINGS ME ANYWHERE I WANT TO GO
WHAT?!


DIDN'T RYUUKI-KUN TELL YOU?
HUH?

I DO? WHERE?
AHH... I FEEL AT HOME HERE..
HUH? LOCKER?
ERR.. YOU'VE ONE, TOO.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

I'VE GOTTA CHANGE THE SUBJECT! OR HE'LL NEVER STOP!
ERM... SO...HOW DID YOU GET A PERSONAL LOCKER?


THE KEY IS FOR BOTH THE SHOE AND PERSONAL LOCKERS.
He probably thought everyone knew that...

SOKKEK
WOW...MY VERY OWN LOCKER!

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CHK
THE STUDENTS HERE ARE SO LUCKY.
EVERYTHING LOOKS SO EXPENSIVE..
TMP
TMP
TMP

OOFF! THIS IS HEAVY!!
SEIRAN HIGH SCHOOL HALL
YEAH, THEY'RE RIGHT HERE.
DI...DID YOU BRING YOUR MAGIC ITEMS?
UGHH
ALMOST THERE...
Ummm
THIS IS CRAZY! HOW COULD IT BE SO HEAVY?!
KASUMI-CHAN! LET'S GO ASK FOR HELP..
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
LEAD
HEAVY
PLOP!
AHH!!

UMM... NO... IT'S OKAY...
WE'LL TAKE YOU HOME! YOU CAN TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOUR PLANS FOR TOMORROW!
HMM... Y'KNOW WHAT? FORGET THE BUS!
I'M FINE...
I INSIST! COME ON!
YES?!
AH!
ERR..OKAY...
IT'LL BE FUN!
PI
PI
THE NEXT DAY...
HELLO? REINA-SAMA?
SO... HER LOCKER NUMBER IS 397.

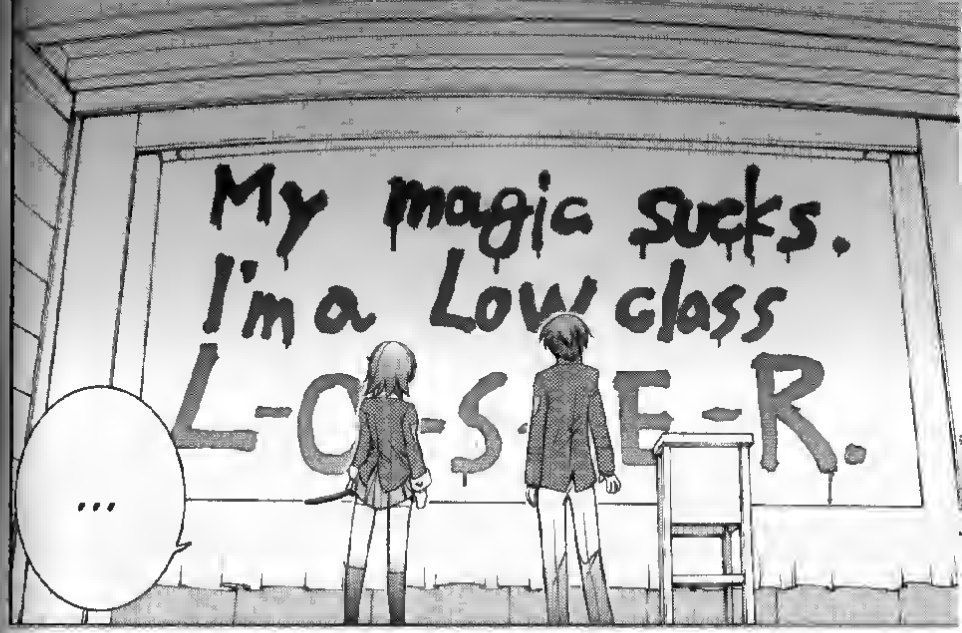
MY MAGIC ITEMS... IT TOOK ME YEARS TO COLLECT THEM ALL.
MOM BOUGHT THIS WAND FOR ME... MY MAGIC ALWAYS MADE HER SMILE.
ARE... ARE YOU OKAY?
Poor Kasumi-chan
YEAH.. I'M FINE
AH!!
LOOOK!!

KA...KASUMI-CHAN, LOOK!
LEMME TURN THE LIGHTS ON...
Sigh...
Woiiiiii!!!
DASSHH
PONG
LOSER
IT WASN'T ME! I DIDN'T DO IT...!!
Ohh
LOSER
GASP!

They're not from our class.
WHO'RE ALL THESE PEOPLE?

I SURE HOPE YOU CAN LIVE UP TO OUR HIGH STANDARDS...
DON'T YOU KNOW? THE WHOLE SCHOOL IS HERE TO SEE YOU PERFORM.

CAN...CAN YOU REALLY DO THIS? YOUR MAGIC STUFF IS ALL BROKEN...
JUST YOU WATCH! I'LL PROVE YOU WRONG!!
Hmmph
I MUST SAY, YOUR STAGE IS VERY CRUDE LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN LAST FOR EVEN FIVE MINUTES
g-iggle g-iggle


My magic sucks. I'm a Low class L-O-S-E-R.
...

THIS IS TOO MUCH!
HOW COULD ANYONE DO THIS?!

HUMP!
I HEARD THAT THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO DESTROY ANYONE ON THEIR BLACK-LIST.
CLATTER
Sorry, Kasumi-chan, I didn't think they would do this...
IT'S, GOTTA BE THE RSF...!

OKAY... HERE GOES!
GANBATTENE!*
ALRIGHT... I'M READY.
*Ganbattene - means "do your best"
TODAY, OUR TALENTED MORIOKA-SAN WILL DAZZLE YOU WITH HER SPECTACULAR MAGIC TRICKS!
My magic sucks, I'm Low class L-O-S-E-R
WELCOME, EVERYONE, TO MORIOKA'S MAGIC SHOW!
CHECK THIS OUT!
FOR OUR OPENING ACT... THE MYSTICAL FLOATING BALL!

I'm her only friend.
WHAT DO YOU NEED? WE'LL DO OUR BEST!
OKAY...
...
KASUMI-CHAN? WHY DON'T WE ASK REINA-SAN TO POST-PONE THIS?
NO!! I WON'T GIVE UP! I CAN'T GIVE IN TO THEIR BULLYING!
STARE
Chatter Chatter
BLUS
SSSH

GRIN
FLIPP
OUR SECOND ACT...
THE VANISHING CARDS!
fwip
fwip
IF I CAN'T CLOSE THEM... I CAN'T HIDE THEM IN MY SLEEVES!
THE CARDS... THEY'RE STUCK!
!
OH, PLEASE... CLOSE!!
GRRRRR

SN
AP!
WOW!! THAT'S SO COOL!!
WAFFF
LOSER
TAP
TAP
AHH!
SHock
BOING!
N...NEXT TRICK!
AHH... ERR...
Chatter chatter
PFF
chuckle chuckle

BOOOO
BOOOO
WHISK
WE... WELL...
GET READY FOR OUR NEXT ACT! THE ANTI-GRAVITY, WATER SUSPEN-SION!
chatter
Chatter
FWIP

SNAP!!
THEY SABOTAGED MY CARDS, TOO...
BOOOOOO
flutter
flutter
flutter
KASUMI-CHAN...
DON'T STOP! LET'S KEEP GOING!
BOOOOO
BOOOOO

AHA HAHA
BOOOO
Swish
MAN, THIS REALLY SUCKS
LOOK AT HER!
PATHETIC!
SERVES HER RIGHT!!
AHA HAHA HA
AHA HA
!!!
SPLATTER
OUCH!!
KASUMI-CHAN!
THIS IS BAD... WE NEED TO GET OFF THIS STAGE!
NO!!
WE NEED TO FINISH THIS!
iPPP

YES!!
FINALLY, IT WORKS!
TA-DAA
CRACK!
WOW
WOW
GENTLY
AHA HAHA HA
SPLATTER
!!
WHAT?!
HA HA HA
AHA HA

WAAAAAA
My Magic sucks
HAHAHA
AHAHAHA
CLATTER
TSK... I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT HER...
?
WHOOSH
WHEWW
WAIT...
PHEWWW

WHY...WHY DID THEY HAVE TO RUIN MY MAGIC?
Mom
HEY YOU!! STOP IT!!
Swiiish
ALL YOU STINKIN' LOW-LIFES... GET OUT OF SEIRAN!!
HAH, LOSERS!!
I... I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE...
SMACK!
ARGH!!

TROOP
TROOP
SMACK!
PHEWWWW
TAKE THAT, YOU SCUM!
WHIZZZ
WHEWW
BANG
BANG
CLOSE THE DOOR! QUICK!!
EEEK!

!
IS...
THAT WAS A GREAT SHOW! I HAVEN'T LAUGHED SO HARD IN AGES!
THE AIR... IT FEELS DIFFERENT...
TROOP
TROOP
ALL...
I WANTED WAS TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS...
YOU...
...IS SHE GLOWING?!

Swiiiiish
SWING
!
SAY GOOD-BYE TO YOUR UGLY GIRLFRIEND!
PUT THAT DOWN, YOU IDIOT!!
FLING
IF SHE'S SO COOL... SHE CAN MAKE THIS DISAPPEAR!
NO!!
DON'T DO IT!
!
THAT MIST... IS SHE CONTROL-LING IT?

WHAT IS THIS?!
IT'S COMING THROUGH THE DOOR!!
Eeekk!!
HUH?!
SLAM
Swiiiiish
...
WHAT'S GOING ON...?!
I'LL GIVE YOU A PRESENT YOU WON'T EVER FORGET!
OH YEAH! OTAKU-DORK!
THIS MIST... WHY IS IT HERE?
Swiiiiish

HUH?! MAGIC?!
FWOO OOSH
L...LET GO OF ME!
REINA-SAMA

I WISH... I WISH THAT I COULD JUST DISAPPEAR!
KASUMI-CHAN! WATCH OUT!!
I... I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE...
BANG!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
BLACKOUT?!
EEH?!
MUR MUR
MUR MUR
FLASH!
BLAAAZE

Yikes!
S...SHE'S GONE!!
WAIT FOR ME!!
How on earth?!
WAH-H-H-H
murmur murmur

Swiiish
Poof!

TMP
TMP
TMP
I GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE QUICKLY!
IS THERE A FIRE...?!
Breathe in
fwoosh
Breathe out
THANK GOOD-NESS I HELD MY BREATH.
THERE'S SMOKE EVERY-WHERE

WAH-H-H-H
BEEEEP
BUMP
KASUMI-CHAN!! WHERE ARE YOU?!
WHAT'S THIS... SMOKE?
GASP!

Ugh!
STOMP STOMP
!
GRASP!
Woosh

POOF!
BREATHE IN
COULD SHE BE...
WAH-H-H-H
THE WHITE LIGHTS...

His pose looks cool..
It's like a superhero pose!
NO.
OH.. OK..
DID YOU SEE KASUMI-CHAN?
OH...
RYUUKI-KUN?
WHERE ARE YOU?!
KASUMI-CHAN?
...
SQUEEEEZE
LET... LET GO!! YUUTA-KUN! HELP!
MMMM!
STRUGGLE
MMMM!
STRUGGLE
MMMM!

H...HEY!!
YANK!
I...CAN'T BREATHE!!
UMPH!
SQUEEZE
WAH-H-H
THUMP
POOF!

CAN'T BREATHE...
SOMEONE HELP ME...

CHAPTER 4

SLAP!
Ah!
GRAB!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?!
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?!
DO WHAT?!
WH...WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
HOW DID YOU DO IT?
tingle
tingle

HEY!!
URRGH! LET ME GO!!
PUSSHHH
WHIP

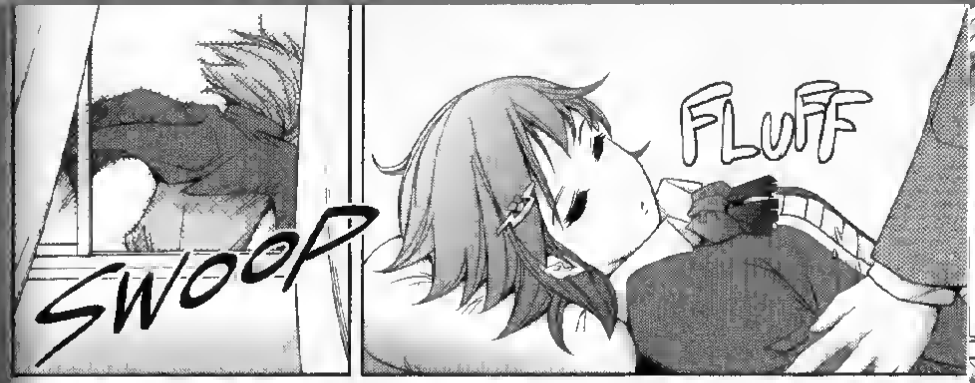
tmp
tmp
tmp
DASH
tmp
tmp
HUF
HUF
HUF
I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!

DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT?
HUH?!
TELL ME!!
HOW DID YOU VANISH?!
I... DON'T KNOW...
AND WHERE DID THE MIST AND LIGHTS COME FROM?!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!!

BUMP
FLUTTER
WAFFF

I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD...
URGH...
WHY ON EARTH DID HE GRAB ME?
dizzy
WOBBLE
HUF HUF
tmp tmp tmp
HUF
WHAT WAS THIS GIFT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT? AND... WHY WAS HE YELLING AT ME?!
HUF
M...MAYBE... I SHOULD GO HOME...
sniff

*Ohayo : means "Good morning."



ignore
chatter
boing boing
HUF
HUF
Chatter
GOOD MORN-ING!!

Waiiit~
Whizzzzzzz

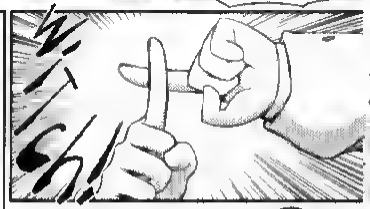
AHHHHH
THAAAAT DISAPPEARING TRICK WAS SO AWESOME! THE BEST I'VE EVER SEEN! THE BEST! I'M TELLING YOU!!
WAIT! YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG! IT WAS JUST SMOKE!
STOP!
WAHH!
STOP!

?
?
DISAP-PEARED?
YEAH! I WANT TO KNOW, TOO! I'M YOSHIDA FROM CLASS 1B. NICE TO MEET YOU!
WHERE DID YOU GO AFTER YOU DIS-APPEARED?
YOU WERE GREAT YESTER-DAY! I WAS IMPRES-SED!
chatter
chatter

YOU MUST BE AN ALIEN!
OR... OR...A...
HEY YOU! WHAT ARE YOU?!

Huh ?!
KA... KASUMI-CHAN!

THEY MUST HAVE GOTTEN CONFUSED WHEN THE SMOKE GOT IN...
COME ON.. TELL US! HOW DID YOU DO IT?
HA HA HA
AT LEAST SOME OF THEM LIKED MY TRICKS.


WITCH!

NO...NO! A DEMON!
?
GO AWAY! YOU CAN'T HARM ME!

Chatter
Chatter
REINA-SAMA!
YUUTA-KUN, PLEASE! NOO... PLEASE DON'T DO IT!
HA HA HA!
tump tump tump
REINA...
HUH? ooo
YUUTA-KUN?
HMMPH...

I SEARCHED EVERYWHERE FOR YOU...BUT I COULDN'T FIND YOU...
NO! NO! I SAW IT! I WAS ON THE STAGE WITH YOU...YOU WERE THERE ONE SECOND AND THEN...
THE MIST AND LIGHTS CAME FLASHING IN ..AND THEN... POOF!! YOU WERE GONE!
I WON'T ASK FOR YOUR SECRET..
OKAY... OKAY, I KNOW... A MAGICIAN NEVER REVEALS HER TRICKS.
YUUTA-KUN! I WAS JUST BESIDE YOU! THE SMOKE GOT IN MY EYES AND EVERYONE WAS RUNNING OUT..
WHAT'S GOING ON?! I KNOW I WAS THERE! AND IRONFACE SAW ME!
HUH?!
BUT! I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO WRITE ABOUT SEIRAN'S AMAZING MAGICIAN IN OUR NEWS-LETTER!

Hehe
WHAT'S THE MATTER? RAN OUT OF TRICKS?
I WOULDN'T HAVE BOTHERED GETTING TO KNOW YOU AT ALL.
IF I HAD KNOWN YOU WOULD BE LEAVING SO SOON...
NO MORE EXCUSES!!
CLATTER
I'M TELLING YOU! NO ONE HELPED KASUMI-CHAN!
IT'S OBVIOUS SHE FAILED.
SHE MUST HAVE SNUCK AWAY WHEN EVERYONE WAS RUSHING OUT!
Chatter
Chatter

giggle
giggle
WHO WOULD DARE TO COME TO SCHOOL AFTER FAILING SO MISER-ABLY!
SHE HAS NO SHAME IT SEEMS LIKE SHE FORGOT THE BET.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE LOSER MAGICIAN HAS DECIDED TO SHOW UP.
KASUMI-CHAN DOESN'T CHEAT!
SHE WORKS VERY HARD ON HER MAGIC TRICKS!
SHE DID IT ALL BY HERSELF!
AND THAT "DISAP-PEARING TRICK"? WHAT A CHEAT!
ANYONE CAN DISAP-PEAR IN THE DARK.
WANNABE STUPIDHERO!
Hehe
Hehe
OOOH...I'M SO SCARED!
OTAKU-KEN IS PROTECTING HIS GIRL-FRIEND.
I BETCHA HE GOT HIS HERO FRIENDS TO KILL THE LIGHTS AND PUT ON THE DRY ICE.

KASUMI-CHAN DID AN AWESOME TRICK!
THIS IS TOO MUCH!!
giggle
giggle
YOU'RE THE JUDGE! YOU TELL US!
RYUUKI-KUN!!
BANG!

GASP!
I'M NOT LEAVING SEIRAN!!
giggle
giggle
giggle
giggle
IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR DESK AND CHAIR HAVE DISAP-PEARED...
MAYBE YOU SHOULD FOLLOW THEM AND DISAPPEAR, TOO.

HFFH
chatter
chatter
INTERESTING.
IT WAS...

chatter
chatter
WHAT?!
COME ON! TELL US!!
HOW COULD YOU SPEAK LIKE THAT TO RYUU-SAMA!!
...
O...OI AKU-KEN!!

AWW... IT LOOKS LIKE WE WON!
SO...KASUMI-CHAN CAN STAY!!
GLANCE
KASUMI-CHAN! I'LL HELP YOU FIND A DESK AND CHAIR!
tmp
tmp
tmp
tmp
tmp
tmp
chatter
chatter

?!!
BLUSSSH
Whoooooo!!!
Whewww
Yes!
whewww
Whewww
stumble
A...A... DESK A...ND...
BUMP
BUMP
whewww
WAAAAH
WAAAAH
I...I'VE... GOT...TO... G...GET...
Whewww

WHY DO I REMEMBER CUTTING MY HAND?
tmp
tmp
tmp
tmp
tmp
WHERE'S THE CUT?
I REMEMBER THE LIGHTS... WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT FOREST?
WHEN I WAS IN THE FOREST...
DID I FALL OFF THAT TREE?
WAS THERE MIST IN THE FOREST? WAS YESTERDAY'S SMOKE ACTUALLY MIST?
YUUTA-KUN SAID HE SAW LIGHTS AND MIST WHEN I DISAPPEARED...
!
HMM?
I DON'T REMEMBER...
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?
tmp
tmp

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO IRONFACE?
YESTERDAY, HE ALMOST SUFFOCATED ME...
GRIP
AND NOW... HE WANTS ME TO STAY?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?!
MY HAND... IT'S... HURTING AGAIN...
OUCH!!

FAMOUS?
I THINK SHE'S IN CLASS 1D. SHE'S PRETTY FAMOUS AT SEIRAN.
SHE'S THE COOK'S DAUGHTER. MAIKO KOYANAGI.
YUUTA-KUN, DO YOU KNOW THAT GIRL?
Whisk
whisk
KANAME
EH? HABIT OF...?
SHE HAS A WEIRD FAN CLUB... WHATWASITCALLED... OH!...BECAUSE SHE HAS THE HABIT OF...
Ermm...
BLINK!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

Aaahhh!
Stop!
screeech
HUF
HUF
KASUMI-CHAN! WAIT UP!
WHO'S THAT?
tmp
tmp
tmp
THE LIGHTS... THEY WERE DANCING WITH HER...
ISN'T SHE THE GIRL FROM THE ROOF?

WAFFFFF
SWIIIIISH
I THINK WE'D BETTER STAY AWAY FROM HER. I HEARD SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT SHE TALKS TO SPIRITS...
YES! A HABIT OF BREAKING INTO DANCE...
Twirl Twirl Twirl~
whirrrrr
Ah!

FWUP!
AHHH..
WAFFFF
RUSTLE

NO! I WANT TO MEET HER!
HUH?!
I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HER... SHE'LL BE MY FIRST FRIEND AT SEIRAN!
WAIT! AREN'T I YOUR FIRST FRIEND?!

CHAPTER 5

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URGH!
GUT...?
AND THEN... SUDDENLY, I WAS IN FRONT OF MY CLASS PERFORMING MY NEW MAGIC TRICKS BUT
!!
I WAS SURROUNDED BY MIST AND GLOWING LIGHTS... NO ONE COULD SEE MY TRICKS!!
YOU MUST HAVE REMEMBERED THOSE PIXIE FLIES IN THE FOREST THAT DAY
IT'S FUNNY THAT YOU DREAMED ABOUT GLOWING LIGHTS...
HUMPH
HAHA! WHAT A WEIRD DREAM! KAGUYA, YOU'D BETTER KEEP WATCHING THOSE ANIME SHOWS LESS OR SO!
WHY COULDN'T THEY SEE YOU?
IT WAS REALLY STUNNING... LIKE I WAS STILL WHEN I HELD MY BREATH.
BUT NO ONE COULD SEE ME...
SPLASH
THEN SOMEHOW... I MANAGED TO SWIM UP TO THE SURFACE...
WHEN YUUTA-KUN SUDDENLY SEIZES ME AND GRABS MY ARM
GRAB!

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SHA
thump
thump
thump
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CHAK
HUF HUF
BEFORE I FELL...
AND I CUT MY HAND ON THE TREE BEFORE I...
WAS THEY PROTECTING ME FROM THE RISE WHEN MY MAGIC TRICKS WENT BAD?
I SHOULDN'T BE ALIVE... DID THE MIST AND LIGHTS SAVE ME?
FIREFLIES? THE GLOWING LIGHTS...DAD SAW THEM TOO!
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THERE WERE SO MANY OF THEM THIS TIME OF YEAR?
DOES THAT MEAN IT REALLY HAPPENED?
CHATTER!
AH!! IT WASN'T A DREAM! I MUST'VE FALLEN FROM THAT TREE!
SORRY, KASUMI, I HAVE TO RUN, I'M REALLY LATE!
OH NO! I'M LATE! I HAVE A MEETING WITH TANIKAWA-SAN!
DASSHHH
DAD! WAIT!
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ONE!
TWO...
READY?!
FLASH
Boo!
EVERYTHING LOOKS BLURRY...
SOMEHOW COVERING MY MOUTH CAUSE I THOUGHT THE MIST WAS SMOKE...
OH! I REALLY DISAPPEAR! THE MIST COULDN'T HAVE HIDDEN ME THAT WELL...
Klap
ALLRIGHT, LET'S TRY IT OUT!
WAIT, I THINK I HELD MY BREATH! IT'S LIKE IN MY DREAM!!
WHAT IF... I CAN TURN INVISIBLE WHEN I HOLD MY BREATH...
HMMM... WHAT IF... THE DREAM IS TRUE?

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WHEEERE RE YOU?
KASUMI?
SLAM
WHERE ON EARTH IS THAT SILLY GIRL OF MINE?
Hmmm
OH MY GOD! HE DIDN'T SEE ME! AND WAS STANDING IN FRONT OF HIM!
PPHoo
CREAK
KASUMI?
BUT, I CAN STILL SEE MYSELF... AM I REALLY INVISIBLE?
MY MY SKIN IS TINGLING...
Chak
I'M IN A HURRY... WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU WANTED TO ASK ME?
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AAH FRESH AIR! HMM I WONDER IF I SHOULD TEST MY POWERS AGAIN ?
HOW..HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?!
OKAY, OKAY CALM DOWN! THAT THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH MY FALL, THE LIGHTS, THE MIST
I.. I WAS INVISIBLE?!!
DINNER? SHABU SHABU? OKAY I'LL SEE THE GOODIES
OKAY SEE YOU TONIGHT THEN HUUN LOVE YOU TOO DAD
I'M FINE I WAS UHHH, I WAS IN THE BATHROOM
HELLO? OH HI DAD
HOW DARE YOU SELL THIS TO ME?!
HEY YOU!!!
HMMM...
Snap!
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DUDE...
CHECK OUT THAT GIRL! SHE'S CUTE!
YEAH... NICE BODY TOO.
HEY GIRL!
WE'RE TALKIN' TO YOU!
HEY CUTIE WANNA SPEND THIS LOVELY DAY WITH US?
YEAH WE'LL SHOW YOU SUCH A GOOD TIME YOU'LL NEVER FORGET IT
I'D BETTER BUY DAD'S FAVORITE BEER BEFORE IT'S SOLD OUT!
BOOK STORE
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SNATCH!
OOH... SHE'S A DANCER! NICE!
HM! HEH
STARE
YOU'RE THE HARMIT SPACE!!—OH! DANCER NOT! THAT IS NOT! FAN CLUB!
MASA, WHAT ARE YOU DOIN'?!
HEH HEH HEH
SHIKIRAMI
KIRAMI
KIRAMI-CHAN, WE'LL KILL YOU ANOTHER DAY. WE'VE MADE NEW PLANS.
NO! YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR PROMISE!
HMOOOH, COUSIN... LET US GO THIS TIME. I PROMISE WE'LL KILL YOU NEXT WEEK!
HEY! WHERE YOU'RE FROM, BEBAN!
DIDN'T YOU AGREE TO HELP US TODAY?!

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LOOKS LIKE ANYTHING I TOUCH TURNS INVISIBLE, TOO!
THIS IS SO AWESOME!!
POP!
I'D BETTER CHECK ON MAIKO-CHAN! I HOPE SHE'S OKAY!
EEK!
WHAA
IT, IT'S POURING FROM THE AIR!
WHAT'S THAT?!

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All I ever asked for was an honest weeks pay [illegible] an honest days work

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REINA-SAMA...
I'M GOING TO GET IT AT "THING" AND THEN I'M GOING TO CRUSH HIM AND MAKE HIM CRY FOR MERCY!
HRUMPH! NOT YET
IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP?
AT THIS MOMENT MY SUBORDINATES ARE SEARCHING FOR THAT "THING".
DID YOU FIND IT?!
I DON'T CARE! I WANT IT TODAY!
GRIP
INCOMPETENT FOOL!!!
SO I HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING MYSELF!!

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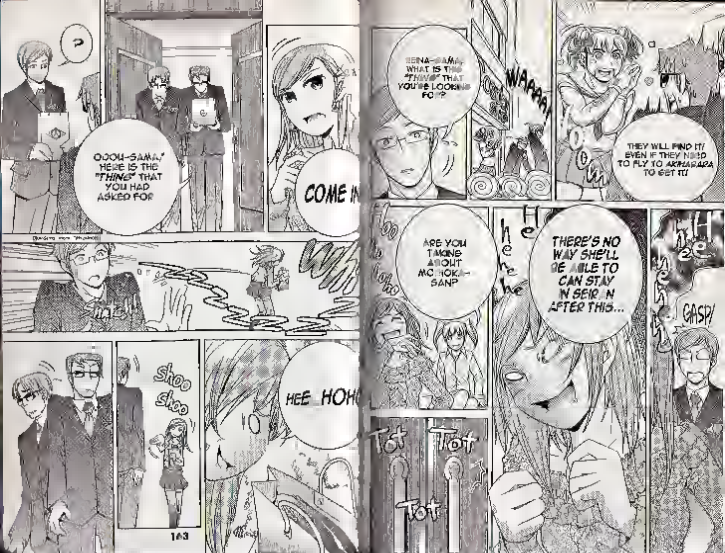
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OOJOU-SAMA," HERE IS THE "THING" THAT YOU HAD ASKED FOR
COME IN
Shoo shoo
HEE HOHO
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WAAAAH
BUNA-SAMA, WHAT IS THIS "THING" THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FO...?
THEY WILL FIND IT! EVEN IF THEY NEED TO FLY TO AKIHABARA TO GET IT!
ARE YOU TAKING ABOUT MO...NOKAI-SAN?
He He He
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'LL BE ABLE TO CAN STAY IN SEIR...N AFTER THIS...
GASP!
Tot Tot Tot

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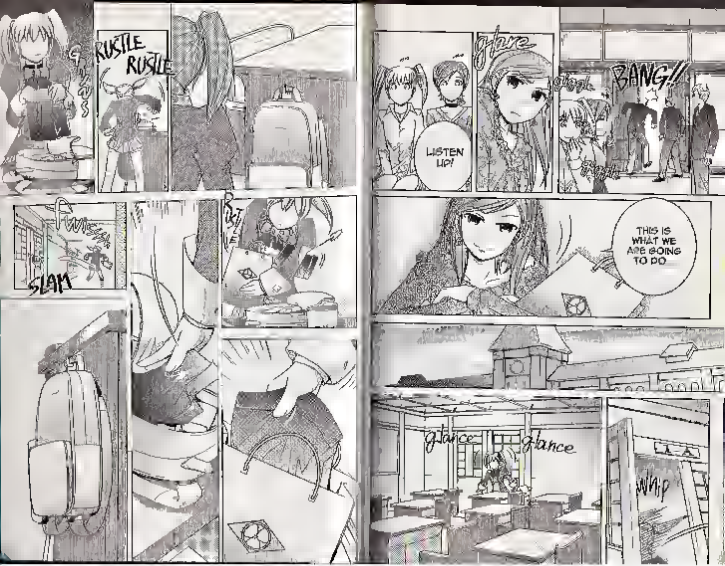

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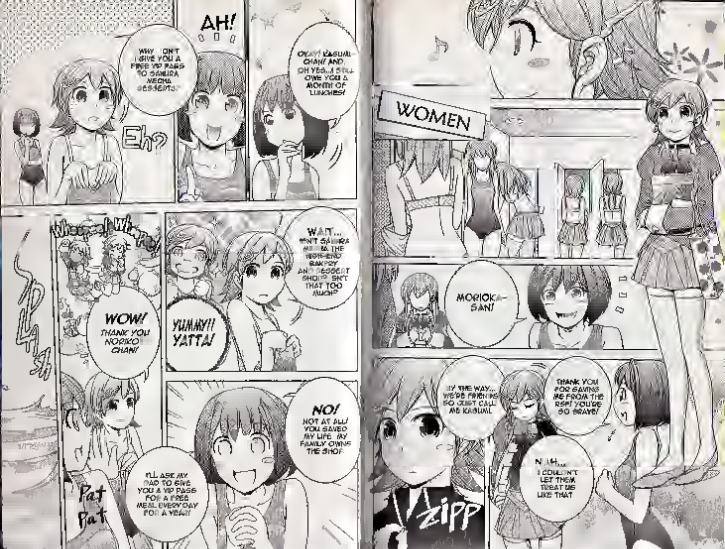
AH!
WHY DON'T I GIVE YOU A PASS SO SAKURA WILL HAVE ASSISTANT?
Eh?
OKAY! KASUAL CHAN! AND OH YES, I STILL OWE YOU A MONTH OF LUNCHES!
WAIT... WHAT SAKURA WILL BE THE ASSISTANT? THAT'S TOO MUCH!!
WOW! THANK YOU NOZOMO CHAN!
YUMMY!! YATTA!
NO! NOT AT ALL! YOU SAVED MY LIFE. MY FAMILY OWES THE SHOP.
I'LL ASK MY DAD TO GIVE YOU A VIP PASS FOR A FREE MEAL EVERYDAY FOR A YEAR!
Pat Pat
WOMEN
MORIOKA-SAN!
BY THE WAY... WE'RE FRIENDS SO JUST CALL ME KASUAL
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME FROM THE BOSS! YOU'RE SO BRAVE!
N-NO... I COULDN'T LET THEM TREAT ME LIKE THAT
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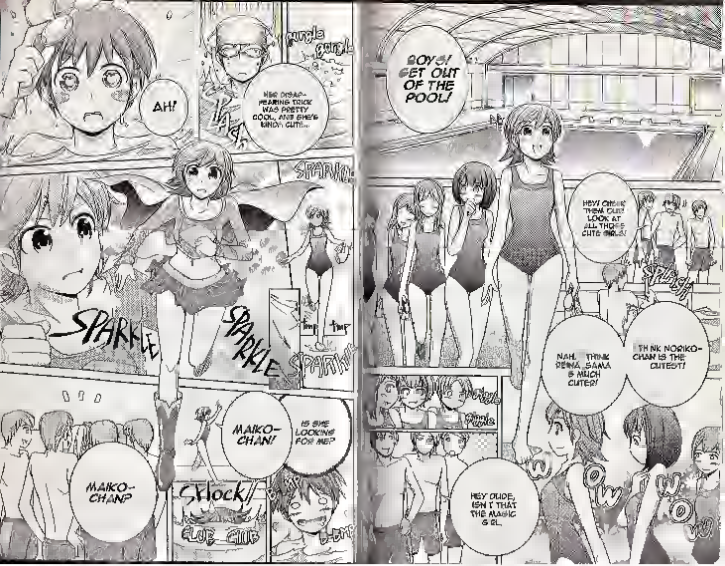
AH!
HER DEAD-PANNING TOOK WAS PRETTY COOL, AND SHE'S KINDA CUTE...
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
MAIKO-CHAN!
IS SHE LOOKING FOR ME?
MAIKO-CHAN?
SHOCK!
BOY'S! GET OUT OF THE POOL!
HEY! CHECK THEM OUT! LOOK AT ALL THOSE CUTE GIRLS!
NAH. THINK RENKA-SAMA IS MUCH CUTER!
NO WAY! NORIKO-CHAN IS THE CUTEST!
HEY DUDE, ISN'T THAT THE MANGA GIRL
OW OW OW OW

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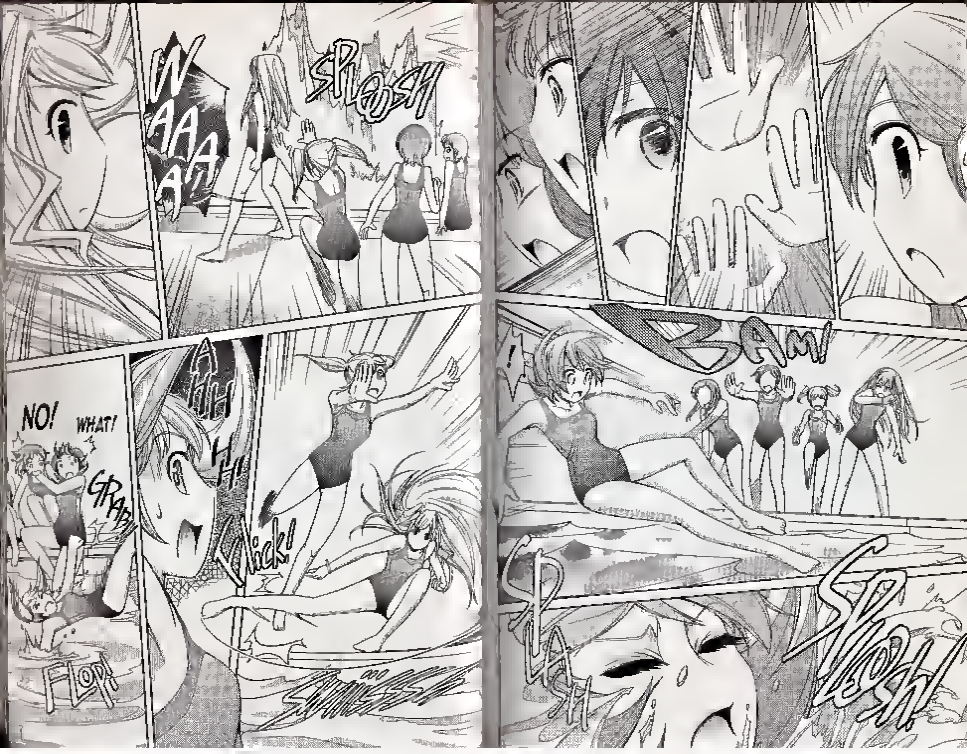

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GIRLS!
SURROUND HIM! HE'LL LEAD US TO HER!
OH NO! YUUTA-KUN IS CORNERED!
Noooo!
PEEEEP
MAIKO-CHAN...
I'LL TO GO TO THE GIRLS' LOCKER ROOM!
KASUMI-CHAN!
I CAN HEAR YUUTA-KUN!
OH NO! IT'S A TRAP! I CAN'T GO IN THERE!
SECURE THE GIRLS' LOCKER ROOM!
SHE'S GOTTA BE IN THERE!
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Hmph!
REINA! YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR!
HEUMPH! IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP MORIOKA, YOU'RE MISTAKEN!

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